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### PROVINCE SUPPORTS NORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY FEDERATION

PRINCE GEORGE – The Province will provide over \$88,000 to help North Central libraries develop the fourth Library Federation in B.C. and improve library services throughout the North Central region, Education Minister Shirley Bond announced today.

“Through the federation, libraries work together to share resources and provide high-quality programs and services,” said Bond. “This will encourage and enable more people in the North Central area to take advantage of their community libraries.”

The North Central Library Federation includes libraries from Valemount to Burns Lake and 100 Mile House to Mackenzie. The participating libraries will work with the Ministry of Education to accomplish four main goals:

- Implement state-of-the-art technologies
- Develop and share special collections
- Develop group purchasing agreements, and
- Provide continuing education opportunities for staff and trustees

“We are committed to creating a dynamic library system,” said Elaine Wiebe, North Central Library Federation Steering Committee member. “This new federation of libraries will be beneficial to all communities in the north central region.”

There are currently three other library federations in B.C., including the Public Library InterLINK, the Kootenay Library Federation and the North Coast Library Federation.

“Library Federations bring ideas together and promote the development and expansion of valuable literacy programs across the province,” said Bond. “Libraries working in partnership will enhance B.C.’s capacity to reach its goal of being the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent.”

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The agreement to create the North Central Library Federation was signed by all 10 public library boards in the region. Library representatives will meet this summer and fall to continue the development of the new federation.

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## BACKGROUND

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Participating Libraries	Communities Served
Burns Lake Public Library Association	Burns Lake
Fort St. James Public Library Association	Fort St. James
Fraser Lake Public Library Association	Fraser Lake
Granisle Public Library Association	Granisle
McBride & District Public Library Association	McBride
Mackenzie Public Library	Mackenzie
Prince George Public Library	Prince George
Valemount Public Library Association	Valemount
Vanderhoof Public Library Association	Vanderhoof
Cariboo Regional District Library	100 Mile House Quesnel Williams Lake Alexis Creek Anahim Lake Big Lake Bridge Lake Forest Grove Horsefly Lac La Hache Likely McLeese Lake Nazko Tatla Lake Wells

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